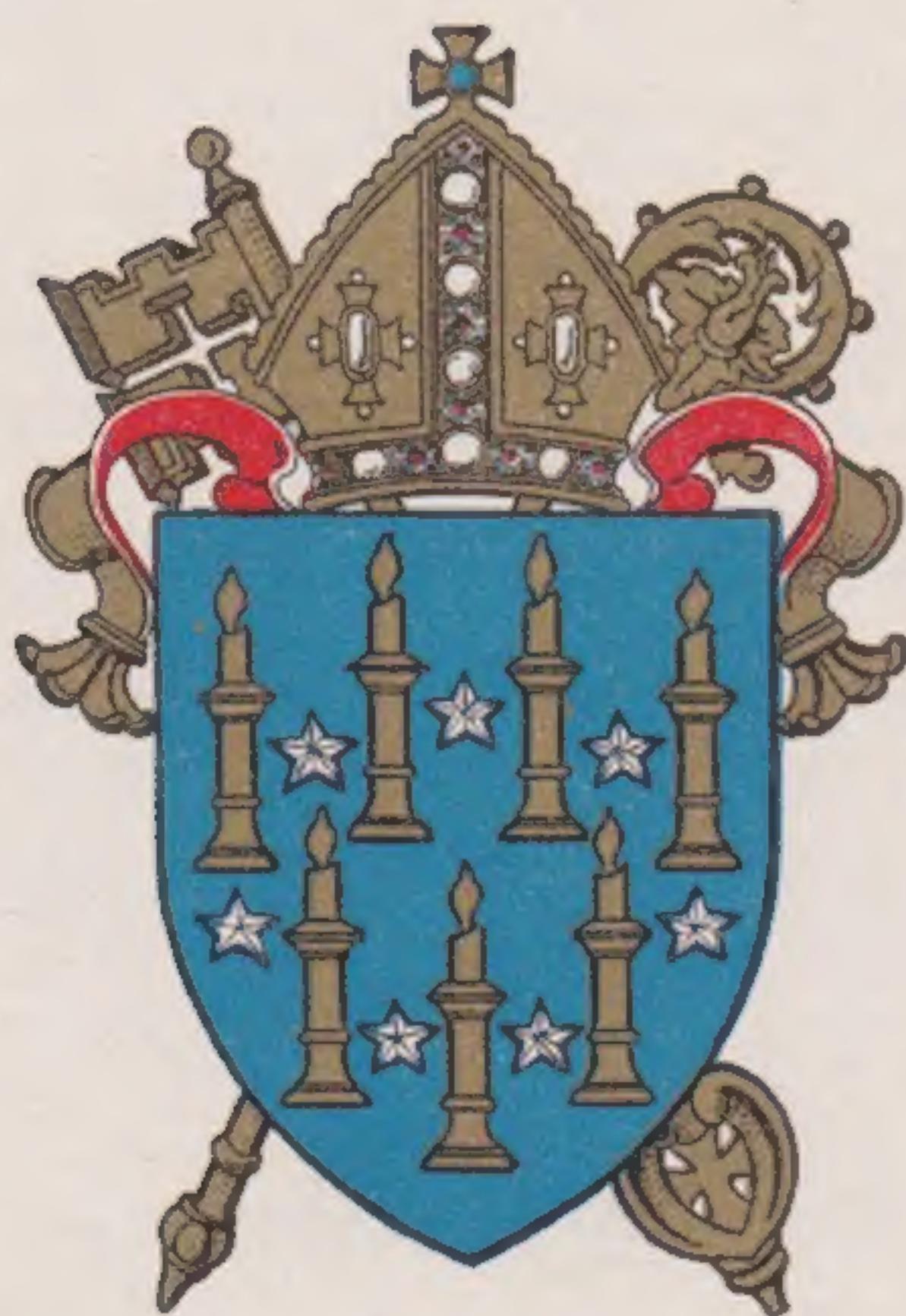
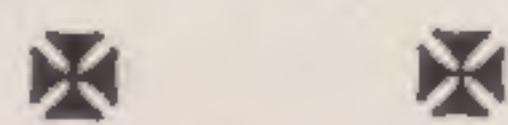




The Cathedral of Saint John the Divine



A Service
Marking the Return
of the
Altar Plate of the Royal Victorian Order
to the King's Chapel of the Savoy



December 9, 1945
4:00 p.m.

¶ The lay Trustees of the Cathedral shall receive the Ambassador and the Consular Staff at the South Doors of the Old Synod House, and shall then, under the direction of the Canon Sacrist, conduct them to the Presbytery.

¶ After the Bishop, the Clergy, and the Choir have taken their places, shall be sung this hymn.

HYMN

Kremser

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing,
He chastens and hastens his will to make known,
The wicked oppressing cease them from distressing,
Sing praises to his Name, he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining his Kingdom divine,
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, the glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou Leader in battle,
And pray that thou still our Defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation:
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord make us free. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Canon Precentor sing the Opening Sentences.

THE Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.
Hab. ii. 20.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where
thine honour dwelleth. *Psalm xxvi. 8.*

¶ Then likewise he shall sing,

O Lord, open thou our lips,
Answer. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Minister. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM 98

Cantate Domino

Anglican Chant

O SING unto the Lord a new song; * for he hath done marvellous things.

With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, * hath he gotten himself the victory.

The Lord declared his salvation; * his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel; * and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands; * sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Praise the Lord upon the harp; * sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

With trumpets also and shawms, * O show yourself joyful before the Lord, the King.

Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is; * the round world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord; * for he is come to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall he judge the world, * and the peoples with equity.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Joel 2:21-27

Read by THE CANON PASTOR

MAGNIFICAT

Gibbons

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, * and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded * the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth * all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me; * and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him * throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; * he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, * and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; * and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; * as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 12: 1-8, 11-14

NUNC DIMITTIS

Gibbons

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, * according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen * thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared * before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, * and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

¶ Then shall be sung the Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O Lord, save the State.

Answer. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Minister. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer. And make thy chosen people joyful.

Minister. O Lord, save thy people.

Answer. And bless thine inheritance.

Minister. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever.

Amen.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

LIIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

TH E grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

AT THE OFFERING, ANTHEM

Parry

I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city, that is at unity in itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

¶ After offering the People's Alms, the Bishop will move from the High Altar to the Presbytery; during which the following hymn shall be sung.

HYMN

St. Anne, with descant by Coke-Jephcott

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our Guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home. *Amen.*

ADDRESS THE RIGHT REVEREND THE BISHOP OF NEW YORK

¶ At the beginning of that section of the Bishop's Speech which is addressed directly to the Ambassador, the Congregation will stand.

¶ After the Ambassador has moved to the Presbytery Lectern, the Congregation may be seated.

ADDRESS HIS EXCELLENCE THE EARL OF HALIFAX
His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador

¶ At the beginning of that section of His Excellency's Speech which is addressed directly to the Bishop, the Congregation will stand, and remain standing during the remainder of the Service.

¶ Following the Ambassador's Address,

THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER ALTAR PLATE

shall, under the direction of The Honorable Francis E. Evans, C.M.G., His Britannic Majesty's Consul General, and the Canon Sacrist, be moved to the British Chapel. There shall the Silver rest in token of the start of its journey homeward.

¶ When the Consul General and the Canon Sacrist shall have returned to the Presbytery, shall be played

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THE BLESSING

THE BISHOP

After the Service, the Silver will be displayed in St. Columba's Chapel.